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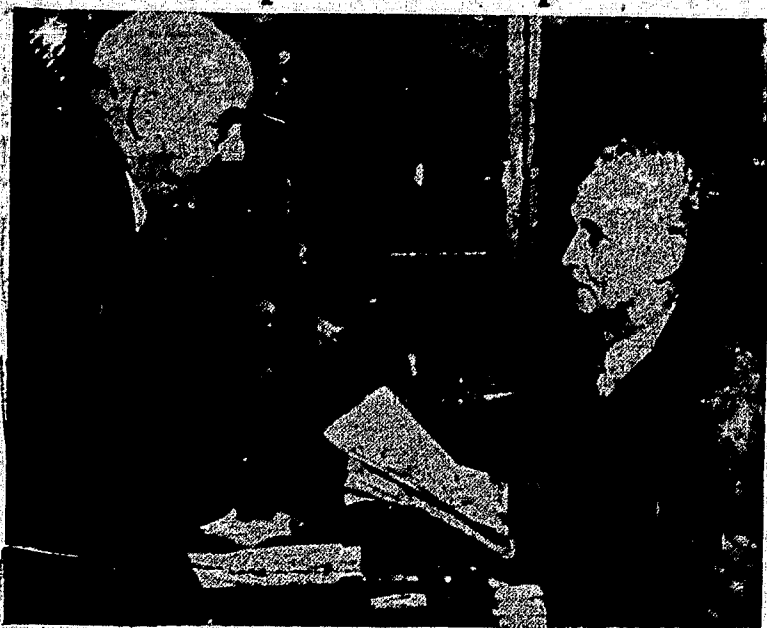
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Names Josephson Most Important Red



WASHINGTON—(Soundphoto)—A former communist editor, Liston Oak, (right), shown talking to Rep. J. Farnell Thomas (R-NJ) described Leon Josephson, New York attorney facing a Congressional contempt citation, as "A much more important communist leader in America than Gerhard Eisler." Liston Oak, editor of the socialist publication, The New Leader, testified before the House Un-American Activities committee that Josephson was an important member of the Comintern and NKVD, the communist secret police.

And Now Floods



WINDSOR, ENGLAND—(Soundphoto)—Windsor was one of the cities hardest hit by the floods in England. Following an appeal from the Mayor of Windsor, army "Ducks" were sent to help in the evacuation of families stranded by the floods. The soldiers' backs as well as their amphibious vehicles came in handy. Mrs. Pike Spenser, spinster of Arthur Road, seems to be enjoying her pick-a-back transportation to a rowboat. Another soldier carries her shopping basket.

Scout Chief Aids Young Craftsmen



NEW YORK — Dr. George J. Fisher, left, national commissioner of the Boy Scouts and honorary president of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, discusses plans with W. S. McLean, Guild secretary. Teen-age boys, enrolled in this year's competition of model cars and Napoleonic coaches, will receive \$85,000 in awards, including eight university scholarships.



PHOENIX, ARIZ.—(Soundphoto)—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Middaugh of Joplin, Mo., with the pack burro they'll use on their trek to near-by Superstition Mountain in search of the fabulous lost Dutchman gold mine. The 69-year-old pilot packer's grandmother blew into Phoenix with a yellowed map to the mine handed down to her by her great-great uncle.

APRIL TO BE CANCER CONTROL MONTH

Governor Hildreth proclaimed April as Cancer Control Month and urged citizens to "support to the fullest" the Maine Cancer Society's drive to raise \$75,000.

"We must—all of us—join in the fight against cancer, lest we, too, be the one in eight destined to be a victim of the country's number two killer," he said.

The disease, he reported, killed 1,348 persons in Maine in 1945, "a figure disturbingly high and one which is not decreasing."

"Maine is nationally recognized as an early leader, a pioneer among States, in the fight against cancer," the Governor said, "and we owe our thanks to those Maine Cancer Society workers for such intelligent humane, pioneering action against a silent foe that first stealthily attacks and maims and then speedily kills unless early recognized and promptly treated."

The campaign is being conducted locally with Mrs. Chester Briggs, chairman and Mrs. George Lothrop, co-chairman. Other workers are: Mrs. Clarence Hall, Mrs. Daniel Duran, Mrs. Francis Noyes, Mrs. Charles Gorman, Mrs. Francis Peabody, Mrs. Addison Saunders, Mrs. Norrie Brown, Miss Abigail Gill, Miss Irene Wright, Mrs. Elwood Ireland, Mrs. George Bowhay, Mrs. Dana Philbrook, Mrs. Harry Swift, Locke Mills, Mrs. Rodney Howe, East Bethel, Mrs. Paul Head, West Bethel, and Mrs. Frank Nary, leader of the Girl Scouts.

It is hoped to have a tag-day for this worthy cause during the month.

ELEANOR GORDON GUILD

The Eleanor Gordon Guild met at the church with Mrs. Robert Keniston and Mrs. Robert Billings, hostesses. Mrs. Clayton Blake led devotions.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Josephine Parker and Miss Abigail Gill. Mrs. Norman Dock to have devotions. A pot luck supper will be served.

Mrs. Fern Jordan was guest speaker. She spoke on the flower show she attended in Boston. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

GRATIFYING RESPONSE TO EASTER SEAL DRIVE

The Bethel Committee of the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, Inc. wish to thank the people of this community for their generous response to the Sale of Easter seals.

Any contributions may still be mailed as the final report will be sent in on May first.

Thank you again, Committee: Doris Lord, Bess Foster, Lucie T. Cander, Ida Packard, Edith Rowe, Barbara Kuzik, Muriel Bowhay, Kate Adams, Cella Gorman, Priscilla Hawthorne.

BASEBALL MEETING AT NORWAY FRIDAY

Friday evening, April 11 at 7:30 o'clock, Pine Tree Baseball League members will meet at Norway Municipal Courtroom to organize, elect officers, draw up a constitution and by-laws and arrange a schedule for the summer.

Representatives of the following towns are asked to be present if interested: Norway, Mechanic Falls, Bryant Pond, West Paris, West Milnet, Oxford, Buckfield, Bethel and Bridgton.

ISAAC N. JUDKINS

Isaac N. Judkins, 77, died at his home at North Woodstock, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Judkins was born Jan. 20, 1870, the son of Charles W. and Emma E. Judkins.

Survivors are his widow, Clara Judkins of Portland; a daughter, Gertrude Brown of Canton, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held from the I. W. Andrews & Son Funeral Home, Friday afternoon. Entombment at Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond.

P. T. A. TO MEET TUESDAY

The P. T. A. meeting will be held at the Community Room April 15 at 8 P. M. The guest speaker will be unable to appear so a program will be put on by various members of the organization. Hostesses are: Ethel P. Blakes, Blanche R. Howe, Verna B. Dyke, and Marjorie B. Freeman.

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Leo Mills, Correspondent

The Men's Club met at the Legion Hall last Wednesday evening. A refreshment committee for the next meeting was appointed as follows: Clarence Howe, Clifford McAllister and Orlando Jordan.

The Girls' Club had a Social at the town hall Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ansel Jordan was at Boston recently, called there by the illness and death of her sister, Miss Jane Edwards. Funeral services were held at the Church Monday afternoon.

Miss Priscilla Ring has returned to Wheelock College, Miss Clara Lapham to the Maine School of Commerce after enjoying a vacation at their homes.

Robert and Calvin Coolidge, Paul Hubert and friend were at Jackman for a few days recently.

Miss Shirley Andrews of Albany was a week end guest of Miss Barbara Swan at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eardley Nowers of Sharon, Mass. came Saturday for their daughter, Miss Edith Nowers who has been a guest of Miss Priscilla Ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams and daughter of North Lovell visited her sister, Mrs. Mary Andrews and family recently.

Several members of the Jordan family attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Harriet Jewell at Portland Thursday.

Robert Swan & Co. is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Albert Swan.

Mrs. Eva Laug was at South Paris Monday and also visited with Mrs. Doris Eastman.

Mrs. Marion Swan and Mrs. Ruth Ring visited friends at Mechanic Falls recently.

The Boy Scouts of Bethel will be at Locke Mills between April 12 and 19 to collect newspapers and magazines. Please do them up accurately.

YOUTH NEWRY

Mrs. L. E. Wright, Correspondent

State Fire Warden, Willard Wright, has gone to Ennis, to repair telephone lines and secure a rent for his family this summer.

Church Services Sunday, April 13 will be at 11:15 A. M.

Miss Betty Wright is spending a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wright.

Miss Amy Bennett and friend, from Hartford, Conn., spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wright and daughter, Betty Wright, went to Tumford Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Bertha Davis has been spending a few days at Island Pond, Vt. with her aunt Mrs. Frances Davis.

The Branch School opened Monday morning following a week's vacation.

Miss Carol Wright went to Portland last Friday.

Miss Eleanor Vail, who is working in Portland, was at home last week.

Reverend Frange will sponsor a Red Cross Benefit Dance, Friday night, April 11th.

FARM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO CONTINUE THIS YEAR

The Victory Farm Volunteer program will be available during the summer of 1947. These youths who work as Victory Farm Volunteers are selected on the basis of weight, age, and background and they live with the farm family during the summer and work on the farm.

Many men, particularly operators of a one man farm, have found that these boys meet the labor needs of the farm during the summer months such as: planting, haying, harvesting.

Any farmer who is interested should contact John P. Downing, Assistant State Supervisor, V. F. W. Winslow Hall, Orono, Maine.

THE GUILD MEETS AT GARLAND CHAPEL

The Guild held a regular meeting at Garland Chapel Wednesday evening. Following supper a business meeting was held. It was voted to sponsor a card party, the proceeds to go to the Cancer Control. Mrs. Charles Gorman, Mrs. Robert Clunie Jr., Mrs. Robert Scott and Mrs. Marvel Hancock were appointed as a committee.

Donations were voted the Red Cross and Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children.

Mrs. Philip Lord of Norway gave a very interesting and instructive review of "Spring Books."

The following musical program was presented:

Violin Duet,
Janice Lord and Billy Penner
Vocal Solo,
Jessie Jones
Piano Solo,
Florence Pike

The next meeting will be April 23 at the Marion True Gehring Student Home.

COMMUNITY ROOM COMMITTEE NAMED

The following have been named to serve as the Community Room committee for 1947: Roy K. V. Hawthorne, chairman, Mrs. Francis Noyes, Mrs. Clayton Fossett, Mrs. Adey Gurney, John Howe, David Thompson, Mrs. Addison Saunders.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Rodney Howe, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Romington and son and Mrs. Alfred Curtis were in Bath over the week end.

Virginia Hastings returned to Lewiston Monday after spending her vacation at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hatfield have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellen Kimball and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Houle.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Smith have a new Chevrolet car.

Mrs. Allan P. Landblad and daughters, Karen and Gretchen of Winchester, Mass. arrived Wednesday to spend the remainder of the week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Irvine.

Anna Newmarker is convalescing from the measles at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter of Westbrook.

Ray Pearce of Rumford and Buster Robertson of Bethel spent the week end with Alfred Curtis.

Mrs. Ray Norris of Wayne brought Mrs. Helen Newmarker home Sunday from Westbrook where she had been for two weeks and remained as her guest for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Smith and son, Michael left Wednesday for Salem, Vt. where they will make their home.

Mrs. Florence Hastings is substituting in the Intermediate grades.

East Bethel Primary School News

We had a long vacation. For many of us it was not a good one. Miss Cole is not back yet because she has the measles.

Sonia Swinton is back from the hospital. She will come back to school next week.

Nancy and Peter Haines have whooping cough.

Serena Coolidge is having trouble with her ear.

Many children have new things to wear.

Ray Merrill has taken such good use of our water that we have had water every day this year.

Bobby and Howard Crockett are having electric lights put in their house.

Children at the West Bethel School sent us some papers. We think Raymond Coulombe, Howard Paine, Linwood Westleigh, David Knowland, Charles Merrill do good work.

We had a "Thank you" letter from the Animal Hospital where we sent the things for bandages.

G. A. SENIOR PLAY READY FOR APRIL 18 PRODUCTION

Three-daily rehearsals under Mr. Thompson's direction of the cast for the Gould senior play, "You Can't Take It With You," are being held in order to present a smooth show to students, parents and friends in the William Bingham Gymnasium at 8 sharp on the evening of Friday, April 18.

The plot deals with the odd doings of the Seasmore family, who, under the influence of Gramp, got their own ways, having fun each in his own uninhibited way. When a very conservative business man's son falls in love with the daughter of this somewhat "screwball" family, complications mount in the best farcical tradition. And also in the best traditions of farce, everything turns out happily just before the third-act fireworks exploded. Communism has reared its ugly head and the F. B. I. has been called in.

It is a matter of regret that all who wish to purchase tickets have been unable to do so. The usual system of ticket distribution has for many years been established on the hoped-for basis of fairness to all, on a "first come, first served" basis. The school authorities are most anxious that this policy be maintained; plans looking toward improved distribution for future school entertainments will be put into effect if they seem to be an improvement over present methods.

BERT HARWELL TO LECTURE AT GOULD ACADEMY APRIL 14

Next Monday evening at 7:30 in the assembly room of Hamscom Hall, Mr. Bert Harwell of the National Audubon Society will present a lecture on birds.

Mr. Harwell is well-known for his whistling ability. This amazing whistling ability is augmented by all-color motion pictures, films which he has made in coast to coast travels over the deserts, mountains, prairies and valleys of the nation.

His lectures combine a colorful presentation with his wide scientific knowledge, creating a most entertaining as well as instructive experience. He is past master at mimicking, delighting his audiences by vividly recounting many of his own amusing as well as breathtaking adventures. And his bird-song interpretations and whistling to his own piano accompaniment lift his program far above an ordinary performance.

Many will recall that this is a return engagement for Mr. Harwell and those who have heard him will find no trouble in attending his "Outdoor Symphony." For those who have not, it will prove a rich experience: having the out-of-doors brought indoors, through song of birds and flash of wings, views of forest, sea and prairie, and the creatures of the wild. It will be to those who know him and to those who meet him for the first time a rich opportunity to hear and see the harmonies of Nature's symphony.

The public is cordially invited to attend this lecture.

OUTSTANDING PICTURES DISPLAYED AT G. A. EXHIBIT

Under the auspices of the Gould Academy Camera Club, twenty-five large salon photographs by Samuel Grierson of Brooklyn, N. Y. will be on display for the general public in the club's exhibition room in the basement of Holden Hall, the boys' dormitory, from April 7 to April 21.

Mr. Grierson is nationally known for his so-called "pattern" pictures: he finds geometric design in silhouettes, girders, highway markers, roadside designs of light and shade and about half of this exhibit bears witness to his skill. He also finds romance and extraordinary subject matter in the every day details of still life which the ordinary observer passes by unnoticed, and a dozen or so of these pictures give us close-ups of such homely objects as a shovel and pitchfork, a small sailing vessel of anchor, or a shot of a small railroad station, with a glimpse into the inner significance and connotation of these mundane objects.

The public is cordially invited to see this two week exhibit, for which no admission charge is made.

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New Foreign Policy Foreshadowed

Marked Historical Import Attached to Aid Program

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON.—One of the hardest things to recognize is history in the making. We often live through moments of catastrophic and cataclysmic significance, yet while the vital seconds are ticking off, our only immediate impression is the limited effect on ourselves or on our close surroundings.

We have all lived through a period which has been filled with some highly significant events, beginning — say — with the outbreak of World War I. We celebrated the Armistice on November 11, 1918; we watched the progress of the peace conference, and then came the train of international events which culminated in V-E and V-J Days and the founding of the United Nations.

All this was background for another event which took place as the idea of March, 1947, approached. I refer to the enunciation of a new American foreign policy — which may prove to have far greater historical significance than any of the other happenings I mentioned.

As one observer put it: "If the President's message (urging aid for Greece and Turkey) is implemented to the full of its implications, it may be another Monroe Doctrine fore-shadowing a pax Americana with a hundred years peace—such as the pax Britannica provided—or, it may be a declaration of World War III."

Either eventuality would make it the most important event in modern history. If it should establish a hundred years of peace, it could easily foreshadow permanent peace. If, on the other hand, it signalled another World War, it would mean the twi-

light, if not the sunset, of civilization.

President Truman and his advisors felt the policy must be enunciated. And far-seeing people realized that America must shoulder the major responsibilities that Britain had carried so long as the most powerful of the English-speaking family of nations, and which she no longer is able to carry.

True, we have started to create an organization—the United Nations—which is supposed to make it impossible for any single nation or group of nations to disturb the peace. But to carry out its job, the United Nations must have an international police force. Until the United Nations has the force to back up the will of the majority, that single nation which can muster such power will decide the course of the world.

We have that power. Potentially, so has Russia.

The proposed American foreign policy has behind it only one idea. That is to keep the power for peace in the hands of what we call democracy.

There has been doubt expressed by some as to whether the program outlined by the administration would serve this objective. The majority of leaders in both parties however seem to be convinced that there is no better method presently at hand; that if we are to maintain our democratic way of life until the United Nations has become an effective organization, we have no other course to pursue. If we take no action, we simply turn the world over to Russia. That would mean war eventually. Implementing the Truman policy may avoid it.

I heartily believe in the United Nations, and I feel positive that if a major conflict can be put off long enough, the United Nations eventually can be made strong enough to outlaw aggressive warfare effectively.

Pledging our wealth and sinew to protect Communist-threatened countries seems our only hope.



AGED STUDENT . . . The old saying that one is "never too old to learn" is an actuality for James George Nicklen, 79, former plumber and seaman, who is now a student at San Francisco Junior College. Nicklen attends classes in anatomy and chemistry, although he is from 55 to 60 years the senior of the majority of his classmates, three of whom are shown here with him.

NEWS REVIEW

New Atom Board Urged; Red Menace Spotlights

REDS:

Threat to America

More so perhaps than before, international vigilance is the price of freedom, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warned the nation in describing the Communist threat to the American form of government.

Addressing the house un-American activities committee, Hoover declared that the Reds in this country constitute a small but closely knit group seeking to overthrow our democracy and substitute an iron-clad dictatorship denying the principles of religious worship, political freedom and economic opportunity. He pointed out that only 25,000 Reds worked for the Russian revolution in 1917 and there is a larger proportion of Communists at present in the U. S.

Hoover called for relentless prosecution of the Reds doing violence to the laws of this country. Putting Americans on their guard, he said the Reds were unceasing in their efforts to subvert labor unions; spread Communist doctrines in the schools, and prey upon foreign language groups.

Besides infiltrating established radio channels, they also are trying to set up outlets of their own. Under direction of party leaders, they are profuse letter writers and expert at

organizing pressure campaigns for some cause favorable to leftism.

Since 1935, they have been especially active in the movie industry, Hoover said. In addition to trying to take over Hollywood unions, they have sought to get a foothold in the writing and productive ends of the business.

ATOM CONTROL: New Plan

As congressional conservatives continued their fight against appointment of David E. Lillenthal as chairman of the national atomic energy commission bills were introduced for the creation of a new board to be headed by Secretary of State Marshall.

Under the plan introduced in the senate by Senator Malone (Rep., Nev.) and five colleagues and in the house by Representative Jenkins (Rep., O.), other members of the new board would include the secretaries of war and navy and two persons named by President Truman.

Conservatives seized upon the critical international situation to attempt to sidetrack Lillenthal, former TVA chairman who has been accused of countenancing the presence of Communists in the power agency. In proposing establishment of the new board to govern all phases of domestic atomic production, Republicans, joined by southern Democrats, declared that the Greek-Turkish crisis indicated the need for close political and military control over nuclear energy for national security.

MOSCOW:

Future Reich

At odds on most phases of post-war politics, the U. S. and Russia came to grips again in Moscow on the future pattern of the German government.

Boiled down, the differences amounted to U. S. proposals for a system of strong state governments working through an adequate central authority and Russian recommendations for a strong central government with the states subordinate.

The U. S. proposals advanced by Secretary of State Marshall are designed to give the German people a closer check on their government through the state level and diminish the possibility of a strong central authority like the Nazi regime assuming full, controlling power. In this respect, the U. S. plans embodied American principles of states rights and state representation in congress through the senate.



'GRANDMA SARGE' . . . Probably the only grandmother in the U. S. women's army corps in Japan, Mrs. Minnie Barber, who holds the rank of sergeant, has eight grandchildren, a son and two daughters. Sgt. Barber is a mess checker at the Mitsubishi main building in Tokyo.

OPTIMISM PREVAILS

Large Crop Acreage Predicted

WASHINGTON.—Optimistic over soil conditions and improvements in the farm labor and machinery situation, farmers are planning the largest average of crops this year since the wartime peak in 1944, the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture reports.

If favorable weather prevails during the growing season, recent record production of many important crops is expected to be broken this year.

Although slight decreases are expected in acreages of wheat, corn and potatoes, higher acreages are indicated for soybeans, sugar beets, beans, peas and other crops, the crop reporting board says.

The aggregate acreage of crops now planned would exceed the average of last year by 2,300,000 acres and that of 1945 by nearly 1,000,000 acres. It would, however, be 7,400,

000 acres below the wartime peak in 1944.

The country's corn crop will be grown on 2,400,000 fewer acres than last year, according to growers' March 1 plans. The total of 87,599,000 acres farmers intend to plant to corn this year is down 5,300,000 acres from the 1936-45 average. Ex-

cept for 1941, it is indicated to be the smallest since 1894 when the nation's corn acreage still was expanding.

A record-breaking wheat crop may be in the making, it was indicated. Although the acreage planted to spring wheat is expected to be slightly less than last year, this will be offset by a new record acreage of winter wheat sown last fall.

Shifts in wheat acreage in important states almost balance to indicate prospective plantings of a slightly smaller acreage of all spring wheat.

The greatest decreases in oats are shown in the Northern Plains states, Minnesota and Texas, with smaller decreases in Michigan, Ohio and New York.

In the North Central states, the main barley producing area, the acreage is expected to increase 3 per cent. Wheat has tended to replace barley in the Southwest and the southern part of the Corn belt.

Sharp flaxseed acreage increases are indicated for all the important producing states. In the North Central area, where 85 per cent of the 1946 crop was produced, farmers intend to plant 71 per cent more flax than last year.

Acreage increases in soybeans are expected in all important producing areas. Largest increases are reported in states and local areas where soybeans are grown mainly to be harvested for beans.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

Obtain a piece of window pane the size of your cookbook. Bind the edges by gluing a half-inch strip of thick cloth around it. Then, when following a recipe, open your cookbook and place the glass over it. Recipe can plainly be read through the glass, and the glass also prevents the book from closing while it's being used.

Iron rayon jerseys lightly and don't pull the garment. Avoid having the iron too hot or the result may be disastrous.

Use precaution when selecting a lining for your jacket or coat. It should last as long as the garment.

If your aluminum pans are discolored, try this easy method to bring the luster back to them. Boil a cream of tartar solution in the discolored pan. Use one teaspoon of cream of tartar to each quart of water for best results. This simple method keeps your pans gleaming.

Cut off the buttons before throwing an old garment away. Slip a fork under the button and cut thread with scissors or razor blade.

To prevent rust marks on bathroom or kitchen fixtures where scouring powder can rest, dip the bottom of the can in hot paraffin.

Future Planning

An elderly couple had been sitting in front of the evening fire a long time without speaking. At last the husband inquired, "What are you thinking about?"

To which the wife replied: "I was just thinking how long we have lived together and that it couldn't go on forever like this and that the time will soon come when one of us will have to go."

"Yes," assented the old man, "but it is no use to worry about that now, Mother."

"No," was the calm reply, "but I was just thinking that when it does happen, I would like to go to California to live."

Knives and other kitchen gadgets with painted handles should not be allowed to stand in water. The wood under the enamel will absorb water and cause the paint to chip off.

To get ready for spring housecleaning and to obtain more storage space, it is a good idea to start now to weed out kitchen utensils and other odds and ends which are no longer useful.

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UNITED INSURANCE

Assets

Stocks & Bonds
Cash in Office
Agents' Balance
Interest & Rent
Other Assets

Gross Assets
Less Items not

Admitted

Unpaid Losses

Unearned Premiums

Other Liabilities

Reserve for Contingencies

Surplus over Liabilities

Total Liabilities

26 Surplus

FEDERAL INSURANCE

Assets

Stocks & Bonds

Cash in Office

Agents' Balance

Interest & Rent

Other Assets

Gross Assets

Less Items not

Admitted

Unpaid Losses

Unearned Premiums

Other Liabilities

Reserve for Contingencies

Surplus over Liabilities

Total Liabilities

26 Surplus

AMERICAN CONSUMERS

Assets

Real Estate

Mortgage Loans

Stocks & Bonds

Cash in Office

Agents' Balance

Bills Receivable

Interest & Rent

Other Assets

Gross Assets

Less Items not

Admitted

Unpaid Losses

Unearned Premiums

Other Liabilities

Cash Capital

Surplus over Liabilities

Total Liabilities

26 Surplus

STANDARD INSURANCE

Assets

Real Estate

Mortgage Loans

Stocks & Bonds

Cash in Office

Agents' Balance

Bills Receivable

Interest & Rent

Other Assets

Gross Assets

Less Items not

Admitted

Unpaid Losses

Unearned Premiums

Other Liabilities

Reserve for Contingencies

Surplus over Liabilities

Total Liabilities

16 Surplus

FARM BUREAU AUTOMOBILE

Assets

Concord, N.H.

Assets

Real Estate

Mortgage Loans

Stocks & Bonds

Cash in Office

Agents' Balance

Interest & Rent

Other Assets

Gross Assets

Deduct Items not

Admitted

Unpaid Losses

Unearned Premiums

All Other Liabilities

UNITED MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY	
Boston, Mass.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks & Bonds	\$11,502,335.73
Cash in Office & Bank	1,558,094.10
Agents' Balances	1,292,847.00
Interest & Rents	47,278.20
Other Assets	280,244.49
Gross Assets	\$14,681,399.52
Less items not admitted	108,206.12
Admitted	\$14,573,193.40
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Unpaid Losses	\$843,771.00
Unearned Premiums	8,132,282.36
Other Liabilities	802,771.51
Reserve for Contingencies	423,337.51
Reserve for dividends on unexpired policies	4,001,050.00
Surplus over Liabilities	319,000.00
Total Liabilities and	
16 Surplus	\$14,573,193.40

FEDERAL MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY	
Boston, Mass.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks & Bonds	\$1,207,471.17
Cash in Office & Bank	208,613.77
Agents' Balances	123,185.26
Interest & Rents	4,523.32
Other Assets	23,304.89
Gross Assets	\$1,567,098.41
Less items not admitted	1,004.06
Admitted	\$1,566,094.35
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Unpaid Losses	\$102,963.00
Unearned Premiums	829,055.35
All other Liabilities	134,075.48
Guaranty Capital	100,000.00
Surplus over Liabilities	400,000.00
Total Liabilities and	
16 Surplus	\$1,566,094.35

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY	
Reading, Penn.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Real Estate	\$295,344.45
Mortgage Loans	126,222.40
Stocks & Bonds	10,264,727.03
Cash in Office & Bank	21,111,763.97
Agents' Balances	2,651,123.27
Bills Receivable	51,131.51
Interest & Rents	27,828.16
Other Assets	309,777.81
Gross Assets	\$15,735,662.53
Less items not admitted	1,018,848.10
Admitted	\$14,716,814.43
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Unpaid Losses	\$4,427,974.24
Unearned Premiums	5,183,487.71
Other Liabilities	1,333,239.83
Cash Capital	2,000,000.00
Surplus over Liabilities	1,774,615.70
Total Liabilities and	
16 Surplus	\$14,716,814.43

STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO.	
Detroit, Mich.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Real Estate	\$900,718.34
Mortgage Loans	1,182,408.65
Stocks & Bonds	36,424,347.48
Cash in Office & Bank	3,959,387.46
Agents' Balances	5,308,153.20
Bills Receivable	65,837.65
Interest & Rents	164,739.97
Other Assets	744,251.60
Gross Assets	\$48,760,894.35
Less items not admitted	235,623.30
Admitted	\$48,525,271.05
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Unpaid Losses	\$20,371,175.96
Unearned Premiums	11,916,662.40
Other Liabilities	4,175,675.29
Cash Capital	3,518,760.00
Res. for Contingencies	360,000.00
Surplus over Liabilities	\$1,744,002.40
Total Liabilities and	
16 Surplus	\$48,525,271.05

FARM BUREAU MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY	
Concord, New Hampshire	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Real Estate	\$37,556.37
Mortgage Loans	1369.52
Stocks and Bonds	783,361.26
Cash in Office & Bank	67,332.23
Agents' Balances	15,846.33
Interest and Rents	4,485.73
All other Assets	40,127.48
Gross Assets	\$961,188.02
Deduct items not admitted	7,648.76
Admitted	\$953,539.26
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$204,029.40
Unearned Premiums	8,883.68
All other Liabilities	19,730.56
Surplus over all Liabilities	710,795.64
Total Liabilities and	
16 Surplus	\$953,539.26

SUNDAY RIVER

Miss Pauline Bean was home from Lewiston over the week end. Mrs. Robert F. Bean was home a few days from Rangeley. Roland Fleet carried Robert Foster to Bear River, April first. The Ramsey Reynolds had good luck with their run of sap last week. Miss Helen Williamson is home from Portland with a cold. The Bethel fire department was called early Friday morning for a chimney fire at R. M. Fleet's. No damage was done. Thanks to the telephone operator and the department. John Nowlin and Clifton Jackson are at work for J. B. Chapman. Ramsey Reynolds, who was confined to the house by trouble with his back is able to help his brother, Royal Reynolds cut wood this week at North West Bethel.

VERMONT ACCIDENT INS. CO.	
Rutland, Vermont	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Mortgage Loans	\$6,496.60
Stocks and Bonds	229,664.05
Cash in Office and Bank	36,293.70
Interest and Rents	1,360.63
All Other Assets	5,899.28
Gross Assets	\$278,714.26
Deduct items not admitted	30.45
Admitted	\$278,683.81
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$31,750.00
Unearned Premiums	29,512.33
All Other Liabilities	11,254.00
Cash Capital	50,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	156,167.45
Total Liabilities and	
17 Surplus	\$278,683.81

MERCHANTS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY	
268 Main Street, Buffalo 5, N. Y.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Real Estate	\$120,873.14
Mortgage Loans	619,023.41
Stocks and Bonds	5,723,923.26
Cash in Office and Bank	1,450,329.80
Agents' Balances	1,820,051.82
Bills Receivable	7,636.04
Interest and Rents	26,240.35
Gross Assets	\$9,661,077.82
Deduct items not admitted	178,082.20
Admitted	\$9,482,995.62
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$5,414,668.92
Unearned Premiums	2,274,468.89
All Other Liabilities	621,370.61
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,172,476.70
Total Liabilities and	
Surplus	\$9,482,995.62
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Bethel, Maine	

SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN	
New Haven, Conn.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Real Estate	\$560,665.33
Mortgage Loans	600,364.15
Collateral Loans	50,000.00
Stocks & Bonds	14,895,661.03
Cash in Office & Bank	2,028,237.97
Agents' Balances	1,689,716.46
Bills Receivable	226,656.44
Interest & Rents	40,000.00
Other Assets	334,607.70
Gross Assets	\$20,331,878.11
Less items not admitted	384,763.76
Admitted	\$19,947,114.35
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Unpaid Losses	\$2,308,065.69
Unearned Premiums	9,187,699.58
Other Liabilities	\$40,233.13
Cash Capital	2,500,000.00
Surplus over Liabilities	\$5,011,115.90
Total Liabilities &	
16 Surplus	\$19,947,114.35

AMERICAN AVIATION & GENERAL INSURANCE CO.	
Reading, Penn.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks & Bonds	\$1,740,588.17
Cash in Office & Bank	490,092.48
Agents' Balances	242,595.74
Interest & Rents	4,509.14
Other Assets	162,028.87
Gross Assets	\$2,640,809.15
Less items not admitted	47,063.71
Admitted	\$2,593,745.44
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Unpaid Losses	\$217,706.79
Unearned Premiums	1,320,896.22
Other Liabilities	195,513.92
Cash Capital	500,000.00
Surplus over Liabilities	460,628.44
Total Liabilities and	
16 Surplus	\$2,593,745.44

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent
An epidemic of measles has appeared in West Paris and all schools were closed Monday for the week.
Mr and Mrs Harlan M. Andrews returned Monday from Boston where they spent the week.
Davine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Davis Curtis is slowly improving from measles and pneumonia at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston.
Henry Stone and sons, Franklin and Eugene, Laurence and Dwight Emery and the Misses Beverly and Bethlyn Smith, who have been ill from grip are recovering.
Mr and Mrs Alexander Ross and son, John from Bristol, Conn. were week end guests of his parents, Mr and Mrs John Ross.
Mrs Josephine Ferham is very ill. Miss Lillian Ross spent the week end in Portland with a friend.
Guests at E. J. Mann's on Sunday were Mr and Mrs Bruce Brown and Bruce Jr., of Norway; Mr and Mrs Ronald Bancroft and three children; Mrs Gertrude M. Rich, Auburn.
Mr and Mrs Charles Curtis were called to Gorham, N. H. the last of the week by the sudden death of her brother, Laforest Hammond.
Mr and Mrs Edward L. Penley were guests of his mother, Mrs Ethel Penley on the occasion of his birthday.
Mrs Cora Andrews suffered a bad heart attack the last of the week, but is improving.
Rev Eleanor B. Forbes officiated at a funeral at Locke Mills Monday.
Mrs Dorothy Ross was in Lewiston Saturday.
Mrs Ella Nickerson remains in very ill health.

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Rutland, Vermont
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946
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Stocks and Bonds 229,664.05
Cash in Office and Bank 36,293.70
Interest and Rents 1,360.63
All Other Assets 5,899.28
Gross Assets \$278,714.26
Deduct items not admitted 30.45
Admitted \$278,683.81
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946
Net Unpaid Losses \$31,750.00
Unearned Premiums 29,512.33
All Other Liabilities 11,254.00
Cash Capital 50,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities 156,167.45
Total Liabilities and 17 Surplus \$278,683.81

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Stocks and Bonds 5,723,923.26
Cash in Office and Bank 1,450,329.80
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Bills Receivable 7,636.04
Interest and Rents 26,240.35
Gross Assets \$9,661,077.82
Deduct items not admitted 178,082.20
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Unearned Premiums 2,274,468.89
All Other Liabilities 621,370.61
Surplus over all Liabilities 1,172,476.70
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$9,482,995.62
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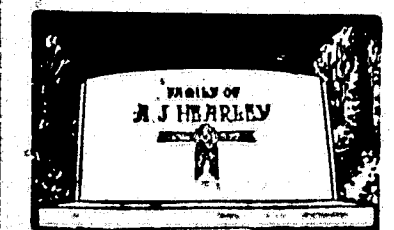
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New Haven, Conn.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946
Real Estate \$560,665.33
Mortgage Loans 600,364.15
Collateral Loans 50,000.00
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Cash in Office & Bank 2,028,237.97
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Reading, Penn.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946
Stocks & Bonds \$1,740,588.17
Cash in Office & Bank 490,092.48
Agents' Balances 242,595.74
Interest & Rents 4,509.14
Other Assets 162,028.87
Gross Assets \$2,640,809.15
Less items not admitted 47,063.71
Admitted \$2,593,745.44
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946
Unpaid Losses \$217,706.79
Unearned Premiums 1,320,896.22
Other Liabilities 195,513.92
Cash Capital 500,000.00
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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Mortgage Loans	\$6,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	10,629,098.31
Cash in Office and Bank	1,791,615.33
Agents' Balances	866,696.42
Bills Receivable	27,915.97
Interest and Rents	33,360.87
All Other Assets	168,700.08
Gross Assets	\$13,523,386.98
Deduct items not admitted	98,006.66
Admitted	\$13,425,380.32
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$2,220,252.18
Unearned Premiums	5,259,755.68
All Other Liabilities	962,601.80
Statutory Deposit	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	4,482,770.86
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$13,425,380.32

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks and Bonds	\$30,879,678.18
Cash in Office and Bank	1,658,437.20
Agents' Balances	1,667,132.41
Bills Receivable	38,263.81
Interest and Rents	82,453.31
All other Assets	905,597.73
Gross Assets	\$35,231,562.64
Deduct items not admitted	119,214.40
Admitted	\$35,112,348.24
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$4,276,482.28
Unearned Premiums	15,240,187.45
All other Liabilities	2,227,964.77
Cash Capital	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	8,367,713.74
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$35,112,348.24
On the basis of Dec. 31, 1946 market quotations for all bonds and stocks owned, this company's total admitted assets would be increased to \$35,281,634.63 and surplus to \$8,537,000.13.	

EQUITABLE FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY	
Providence, R. I.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Mortgage Loans	\$21,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	8,025,808.00
Cash in Office and Banks	1,025,258.31
Agents' Balances	555,954.15
Bills Receivable	11,888.79
Interest and Rents	22,056.75
All other Assets	14,329.82
Gross Assets	\$9,676,295.82
Deduct items not admitted	5,642.69
Admitted Assets	\$9,670,653.13
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$544,429.49
Unearned Premiums	2,034,644.81
All other Liabilities	119,302.87
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	5,972,276.16
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$9,670,653.13

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946
Stocks and Bonds \$24,919,390.79	Real Estate \$2,857,485.61	Real Estate \$72,000.00	Stocks and Bonds \$58,084,181.24
Cash in Office and Bank 1,996,677.70	Mortgage Loans 232,047.77	Stocks and Bonds 408,685.00	Cash in Office and Bank 4,058,527.11
Agents' Balances 1,818,733.97	Stocks and Bonds 24,632,175.42	Cash in Office and Bank 257,452.26	Agents' Balances 6,007,703.97
Bills Receivable 13,542.14	Cash in Office and Bank 2,485,892.87	Agents' Balances 77,712.94	Interest and Rents 90,188.94
Interest and Rents 58,208.00	Agents' Balances 2,062,245.76	Interest and Rents 2,604.90	All other Assets 500,310.90
All Other Assets 1,650,586.97	Interest and Rents 40,299.84	All other Assets 8,216.52	
Gross Assets \$30,457,139.57	All Other Assets 2,705,940.40	Gross Assets \$826,651.62	Gross Assets \$68,740,912.16
Deduct items not admitted 95,051.02	Gross Assets \$35,016,087.67	Deduct items not admitted 3.94	Deduct items not admitted 611,346.76
Admitted \$30,362,088.55	Deduct items not admitted 1,767,734.11	Admitted \$826,647.68	Admitted \$68,129,565.40
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946
Net Unpaid Losses \$2,220,252.18	Net Unpaid Losses \$3,376,102.00	Net Unpaid Losses \$38,095.10	Net Unpaid Losses \$25,866,800.00
Unearned Premiums 5,259,755.68	Unearned Premiums 15,661,025.73	Unearned Premiums 485,662.81	Unearned Premiums 16,498,412.00
All Other Liabilities 962,601.80	All Other Liabilities 1,019,316.70	All other Liabilities 23,780.67	All Other Liabilities 2,201,219.42
Cash Capital 500,000.00	Cash Capital 2,400,000.00	Surplus over all Liabilities 281,109.10	Cash Capital 2,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities 7,915,892.71	Surplus over all Liabilities 10,791,909.13	Total Liabilities and Surplus \$826,647.68	Surplus over all Liabilities 21,063,133.98
Total Liabilities and Surplus \$30,362,088.55	Total Liabilities and Surplus \$33,248,353.56		Total Liabilities and Surplus \$68,129,565.40

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks and Bonds	6,421,892.78
Cash in Office and Bank	816,418.80
Agents' Balances	738,104.79
Bills Receivable	18,263.55
Interest and Rents	397,289.12
All Other Assets	
Gross Assets	\$8,391,987.04
Deduct items not admitted	142,297.71
Admitted	\$8,249,689.33
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,743,810.69
Unearned Premiums	3,801,036.77
All other Liabilities	538,483.73
Statutory Deposit	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,666,338.14
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$8,249,689.33

MERCHANTS & FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO. Worcester, Mass.	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Mortgage Loans	\$5,500.00
Stocks and Bonds	395,258.33
Cash in Office and Bank	48,233.83
Agents' Balances	35,823.81
Bills Receivable	38,263.81
Interest and Rents	2,448.20
All other Assets	6,983.46
Gross Assets	\$494,247.43
Deduct items not admitted	2.64
Admitted	\$494,244.79
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$14,727.90
Unearned Premiums	260,125.76
All other Liabilities	13,734.20
Surplus over all Liabilities	205,656.93
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$494,244.79

HOME FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE CO. OF CALIFORNIA	
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1946	
Stocks and Bonds	\$11,934,334.69
Cash in Office and Bank	1,525,458.24
Agents' Balances	968,225.65
Bills Receivable	6,699.49
Interest and Rents	29,913.45
All Other Assets	1,214,606.60
Gross Assets	\$15,679,236.12
Deduct items not admitted	91,868.96
Admitted	\$15,587,367.16
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1946	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,351,594.09
Unearned Premiums	5,717,832.56
All Other Liabilities	885,222.28
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	4,632,718.27
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$15,587,367.16

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LAST LOVER

BY Helen Topping Miller

Jill McFarlane, whose father, Richard, disappeared in World War I, falls in love with Lieut. Spang Gordon. She is upset to find that her brother, Ric, has fallen in love with a divorcee older than himself. Jill is thrown from her horse and hospitalized, Richard visits her mother, Julia, and tells her he has assumed the name of Captain Mackey. Julia determines to keep the truth from her children who have been raised to regard their father as a hero fallen in battle. She realizes too late that she loves Dave Patterson, an old family friend. Richard tells Ric he knew his father, and threatens Sandra with exposure of an illegal divorce if she doesn't leave the boy alone.

CHAPTER XIV

"Let her work this out herself," argued John I. "You can't protect her forever. You've got your own problems."

"And they," Julia sighed, "have no answers in the back of the book."

John I. blew his breath out harshly, like a walrus. "How do you know? You won't even look in the back of the book."

"Because I know that what I'm looking for isn't there, John I. It's locked up in my heart, and I think my heart died long ago."

"It was your common sense that died!"

"You're right. I've never argued that you weren't right where Richard was concerned. But I do owe Ric and Jill something, if only to repay them for giving them Richard for their father."

The old man's eyes flashed under his stormy eyebrows. "You talk to Jill about it. You see what she says. She'll tell you to get a divorce in a minute."

"I can't talk to Jill. You know I can't. I can't tear down what little she has of Richard. It would be a wicked thing to do."

"You're taking a big risk, Dooley," John I. said solemnly. "I've warned you, but you're a stubborn woman. I know that fellow better than you do."

She knew too well the risk she took, knew that undoubtedly she was being a fatuous optimist in assuming that Richard would stay away now that he had made the break, now that she knew that he had not been a casualty of the war; every time a car drove in at the gate her heart stopped beating, every time the telephone rang when she was in the house she hurried to answer it, fearing Mamie's sly curiosity, fearing revelation for Jill.

What she would do if Richard came again was a nightmare question that kept dread at her throat like icy fingers. She lay awake at night, tormented by imaginary scenes.

"(Jill, this is your father. He loved you and all of us so little that he stayed away from us and hid behind an assumed name for twenty-five years.)"

What would Jill's reaction be? Richard had that devilish, engaging, deadly charm.

Would Jill hate her father, or answering that curious attraction, the impelling force that psychologists had a name for, would she turn to him and despise her mother for thrusting him out of her life?

It must not happen—but suppose it did happen? Was she being fair to Jill, keeping her in ignorance, unprepared, defenseless? Her hope was that Richard would be transferred, sent overseas, before the great harm she feared could be done. But eventually the war would end.

"When Jill is married it won't matter so much," she told herself. "When Ric has found himself, and they are both settled."

Dave had not come again to Buzzard's Hill, since that day she had sobbed out her torment on his shoulder. Jill remarked about it.

"What's wrong between you and Dave? I hope you didn't blame Dave because I was so awkward I couldn't sit in a saddle?"

"Don't be silly. Of course I didn't blame Dave. He's probably very busy. He's on the ration board, and they've had a great deal to do lately."

"I suspect that they do, being volunteers and having their own businesses to attend to in the daytime. Shall I call Dave and ask him to come over?"

"No, don't call him. Don't you recall all those lectures you used to deliver to me, about how much men resented being called up and coaxed? Don't abandon your principles now."

"Dave's different. He's merely an old friend."

"Jill crooked her mouth dryly. 'You're very naive, Julia, my love! Do you usually weep on the bosoms of merely old friends? When your child takes a nose-dive into a briar patch?'"

"I'd have wept on any bosom that was handy, then," Julia said with determined firmness, hoping that her face wasn't burning. "I was afraid you'd broken your back, John I. has been doggedly carting away the rocks in the lane ever since. Be sweet to your grandfa-

ther, Jill, he's been badly worried about you."

"Did I put that curious, hunted look in his eyes? I've been wondering just what went on here anyway, while I was at the hospital. You and Grandfather both look as though you'd seen ghosts. If Ric were overseas I'd suspect that you were hiding something grim from me, sparing your tender, weakened daughter from a shock. Don't ever do that, Dooley. Dooley—"

She jerked erect suddenly, her eyes black wells of terror. "Dooley, it isn't Spang? You haven't heard—"

"You aren't hiding something from me?"

Julia laughed and patted her cheek. "No, foolish woman, we aren't hiding anything about Spang. I've heard nothing from Spang—only what you've told me."

"I thought he might have crashed—and you were trying to keep me from finding out. But if a letter came for me—Ric might hear something."

"If a letter came for you, I should give it to you. Even if I thought it

was from Ric."

She handed him the crumpled page. "You'd better read it, John I. Read it and tell me what to do."

The old man pulled a worn spectacle case from his back pocket, set a second pair of spectacles astride his nose. He dropped down beside her, and his lips moved slowly as he read the letter.

Dear Dooley (Ric had written):

Sorry for this abrupt letter, but this is it. I'm taking off, don't know where. Transferred to some lousy school or other. Very sudden. No explanation, of course. Not in this army. I meant to try for a pass and see you myself. I'd rather have told you this than had to write it. Dooley, I'm married. She's the sweetest, loveliest girl I've ever met. Her name is Sandra, and life has been hard on her, but she has been brave and sweet through it all. That's what makes it so hard now. I can't take care of her or protect her. I can't even have her with me, not till I rate something better than a private. I can't even feed her. And she's my wife. I'm going to bring her home, but that's not now, so all I can do is send her to you with a prayer. Be good to her, Mother. She's well, and you're so swell you'll get along fine, I know. She'll wire you when to meet her. Tell the others hello. And don't worry about me. I'll be all right.

Love,

RIC.

Jill's eyes were blazing. Jill's face was white as a sheet. John I. was doggedly pretending to eat his supper, but Julia—after putting butter on a biscuit three times and sipping coffee on her napkin because her hands shook so—had given up the swing door, hearing everything.

Jill said, "Oh, the fool! The poor deluded fool!"

Julia said, "If you knew about this girl, Jill, you should have told us. Something might have been done to stop this mad marriage."

"Girl—she's no girl! I know it's the same one. And I suppose it's my fault. I should have told you, but I didn't want to worry you. I thought Ric would be shipped out, and it would all blow over. She must have worked fast. Dooley, she's a grass widow, she's years older than Ric."

"But you don't actually know that this is that woman, Jill. Her name is Sandra, Ric says."

"I know. Sandra Calvert. She was married to a Lieutenant Colonel, Spang said, and when he was sent away from Ridley, she stayed and got a divorce. Now she's just a cast-off. She's a chemical blonde with a greedy mouth and hard eyes. You aren't going to let her come here? This is my home, it's Grandfather's home, too. Even Mamie has been here for years. I won't have it. Tell her she can't do it, Grandfather."

Julia said, unhappily, "Jill, please! What can we do? This is Ric's home, too. This woman is Ric's wife."

"Dooley, if that woman comes into this house, I'll leave!"

Jill Issues

An Ultimatum

Jill gripped her unsteady hands in her lap. Dying, she was thinking, would be a little like this. Richard, her own handsome lad, the boy she had loved so much! She felt as though she were sinking into a deep pit.

Julia went on ruthlessly. "We can't have her here, you know that. It would be horrible." She jumped up, her face clattered to the floor. "I'm going to send that creature a telegram right now and tell her she won't be welcome here. I suppose she'll still at that hotel. Mrs. Richard McFarlane, Jr. Oh, Dooley, when I think of a woman like that having your name, I could tell Ric I'm going to send a wire this minute, and no one is going to stop me."

Julia flew. "Jill! Not over that party line, please!"

Jill put down the telephone. "I don't see what difference it makes. Everybody will know it by tomorrow, anyway."

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The Cows' Lounge

If your milk doesn't seem as rich these days, don't blame it all on the dairyman. It may be her living quarters. Maybe Old Bess doesn't like her lay-out. A cow has ideas about her apartment. And believe it or not, a cocktail lounge, so to speak, helps.

Sixteen farms have been conducting experiments with this lounge idea. They call it a "loading barn." It is an extra "room" where the atmosphere is one of freedom and unrestraint.

Up to now cows, when not out at pasture, have been kept in a main barn, their necks in stanchions. This kept them from moving around. (We never looked at a cow in one of these lockup devices without feeling that she wasn't being done right by. But farmers always assured us she loved it, and that without her neck in a stanchion, Bess would get the idea she was being neglected.)

But 16 dairy farms have installed "cow lounges" or "loading barns," into and out of which the cows may wander at will, staying if they feel in the mood or playing around outside if the spirit moves them. In every case the cows have been happier and more cooperative.

We assume that it just did something to their characters that increased their interest in life, broadened their outlook and made them feel better disposed toward the consumer. It seemed reasonable to think that if you took a cow out of her stanchion and gave her a little ladies' lounge life, she would reciprocate.

But the dairymen say we are wrong. With Bessie it is just a matter of roughage. Not the sort of roughage humans get in cocktail lounges. Food roughage, you chump!

The more roughage the better milk. It's that simple.

So take a closer look at that quart tomorrow morning and see if it is up to snuff. If not leave a note in the bottle reading: "What the heck is wrong with your old dairy? Open a lounge for them that cows or I'll get my milk some other place. P. S. Try one with pink wall paper and cupid's."

The Quicky-Bankery

An eastern bank has inaugurated a drive-in-depository. You wheel right into a "banking lot" and deposit money without getting out of your car. It is a grand idea, but we fear confusion.

Any day we expect to hear about a depositor driving into a pig and whistle and handing over \$5,000, while another one drives into a banking lot and demands a hamburger with onions.

We think the boys could go further and give the whole business an even more appealing drive-in flavor. How about some frankfurters and beans, some chili or a hamburger with each deposit? Wouldn't a juke box help?

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Longhair Baseball

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